

**OSBORNE SEES PLOT
BY CHARLES F. MURPHY**

Says "Boss" Plans to Get Insurgents Into Caucus and Spring His Own Man.

SHEEHAN STANDS BY GUNS

In Letter Says He Won't Decline Nomination, but Will Abide by Decision of New Caucus.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Auburn, N. Y., March 26.—Thomas Mott Osborne, State Prison, Fish and Game Commissioner, laid bare to-night what he declared to be a plot by which Charles F. Murphy intends to inveigle the Albany insurgents into to-morrow night's caucus, where a semblance of open voting is to be carried out, an adjournment taken until Tuesday, and then, the insurgents having entered the trap, some man close to Murphy is to receive a majority vote.

Agents who were here yesterday circulated a petition among the few known Tammany Democrats asking Assemblyman Drummond, an insurgent, to "enter the caucus and abide by its decision, whatever it may be." Sixteen persons united in the request, but Mr. Drummond was not here, having been home only twice since the deadlock began. On one occasion he was here to be married and on the other to attend the annual Elks' meeting, of which lodge he is the local head. The petitioners charged that Mr. Drummond remained away to evade them.

Commissioner Osborne's declaration here bars why Murphy emissaries ask the insurgents to abide by the caucus decision, whatever it may be. Mr. Osborne said to-night:

It is understood that Mr. Sheehan will give out a letter which will leave the way open for to-morrow night's caucus to sidetrack him, to let him down easy, so to speak. But the real purpose is plain. It is an attempt to get the so-called insurgents to be parties to a caucus and thus to fall into a trap. But I think the insurgents are too wary. I don't think they will get caught.

Mr. information on the subject reveals the whole plot. If the insurgents can be induced to go into the caucus to-morrow night on an agreement that no candidate will get a majority of the votes, I understand the plan is that after Mr. Sheehan is eliminated numerous candidates are to be put forward. No settlement is to be reached to-morrow night, but after a long discussion an adjournment is planned for Tuesday.

What then happens? The agreement for Monday will not be held binding for Tuesday and after they have the insurgents bound to the caucus idea Mr. Murphy expects to name his man. Who will this be? Well, Mr. Murphy declines to say. He is quoted as saying he will stand for no blacklist.

If Mr. Murphy is the whole caucus, who will name him? If he is to have a representative of the special interests, who will name him? This whole thing has been made to drag the truck out into the light. Now let us have the truth. If the Democratic party in this State is Tammany Hall, then let us have the truth for the special interests, then let us have the special interests personified. If we cannot have the right then let us have the wrong, but at any rate let us have the truth. I don't believe the Democratic party of the State of New York stands for either Tammany Hall or the special interests.

SHEEHAN CONDESCENDING

Willing for Legislature to Support Him if They Desire.

William F. Sheehan, the "sacred embodiment" and caucus candidate of the Democrats, has contributed another statement in the form of a letter to the Democratic members of the Legislature, in which he reiterated his statement that he would not decline the nomination and would not acquiesce in any suggestion that his name should not be presented at the caucus to-night or at any future time.

"My position on the senatorship has never been a matter of doubt," wrote Mr. Sheehan. "I have repeatedly said, and I now reiterate, that under no circumstances will I decline the nomination which was given me by the unanimous vote of the Democratic caucus held on January 16 last, nor will I acquiesce in any suggestion that my name shall not be presented for consideration to any future Democratic caucus."

Mr. Sheehan went on to quote liberally from his previous letter to the legislators, dated February 28, in which he said he could not release the supporters bound to him by the caucus of January 16. Short of the action of a second caucus in choosing some one other than himself, Mr. Sheehan then wrote, he could not consider retirement.

"From that position I have not deviated," he wrote yesterday, "and will not deviate a hair's breadth."

Should any influence other than a legislator's sense of "duty," Mr. Sheehan continued, make that legislator feel that he must continue to vote for Sheehan after and in case a new caucus should select some other candidate, such legislator was assured that Mr. Sheehan freely released him from any such obligation.

With another candidate duly selected by a caucus, Mr. Sheehan wrote, it would be the duty of the Democratic legislators to support that candidate as they supported him; and in fact, he would consider it an effort for any Senator or Assemblyman to continue to vote for him after another candidate had been selected.

"If, however," he added, "those who participated in the first caucus, or any others who may not have participated therein, desire to vote for me in the next caucus, they have my full consent to do so. Even if there be but a single

GOELET AUTO KILLS CHILD

Runs Down Three-Year-Old Girl—Exonerated by Coroner.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Middletown, N. Y., March 26.—Robert Goelet, of the millionaire Goelet family, of New York, while driving through Chester in his automobile this afternoon with a chauffeur, ran down little Marie Potter, three years old, who whirled in front of the machine. She died a few minutes after Mr. Goelet had picked her up and placed her in his car and driven her to her parents' home.

Mr. Goelet drove his 70-horsepower Dietrich car from Manhattan to his kennels, which are four miles from West Chester, this morning, and late this afternoon was returning to New York. As he was passing through Chester several children were returning from Sunday school. Some one called Marie, and she darted into the street directly in front of Mr. Goelet's car. The chauffeur turned the automobile abruptly, but both wheels passed over the child's body. The car was quickly stopped and Mr. Goelet hastened back to the injured child. He awaited the arrival of Coroner Heaton, of Monroe, who, after hearing the stories of eyewitnesses, exonerated Mr. Goelet and his chauffeur and they continued their trip to New York.

A NEWSDEALERS' STRIKE

Small Organization Caused Yesterday's Trouble.

Some parts of upper Manhattan were without Sunday newspapers yesterday, so far as the regular newsdealers were concerned. The reason for the shortage was a demand by a small newsdealers' association on the Nassau and Harlem News Companies and the New York newspapers for a reduction in the wholesale price of the newspapers from 4 to 3½ cents, and for a restoration of the privilege of returning all unsold copies. Under that system papers already sold used to be collected and returned. The introduction of a 5 per cent limit stopped such frauds.

The dealers also asked for an allowance of one-half of a cent a copy on all returns, or, in other words, they sought to have the papers delivered at their stands for 3½ cents each, and bought back by the publishers at 4 cents.

No attention was paid to these demands yesterday by the Publishers' Association of New York City, which includes "The Brooklyn Eagle," "The Jersey Journal," "The New York Times," "The World," "The Evening World," "The New York American," "The Evening Journal," "The Morning Telegraph," "The Tribune," "The New Yorker Herald," "The Morgen Journal," "The Staats Zeitung," "The Brooklyn Times," "The Standard-Union," "The Brooklyn Citizen," "The Evening Post," "The Mail," "The Globe," "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin," "The New York Commercial," "The Sun" and "The Evening Sun." "The Press" a non-member, took the same attitude.

The newsdealers' organization already referred to picked out "The New York World" as the object of their first attack. The other members of the association learned of this intended move and at once determined to support "The World" by refusing to supply those dealers who had cancelled their orders for that paper.

The disastrous fire in Greene street largely increased the demand for all newspapers yesterday. The dealers who did not handle them did not belong to the striking organization.

It is expected that the same conditions will exist during this week at least, and those who have difficulty in securing papers at their customary stands should patronize the stands of Ward & Gow at the elevated and subway stations. Yesterday's trouble did not extend to The Bronx, New Jersey or Brooklyn.

CAT CAUSES BURGLAR SCARE

Knocks Platter of Chicken Off Shelf and Police Are Called.

An excited man calling over the telephone at the West 90th street station last night informed Lieutenant Austin that he had nabbed a burglar.

"I am Jonathan Dwight," the man said, "and I have cornered a burglar in my home here, No. 154 West 1st street. I heard him in the pantry and I slammed the door on him. I am standing guard over him now."

Detectives Haley, McCook and Devary were met at the door by a servant, who seemed agitated. They were shown the way to the pantry and the three drew their guns and called the burglar to surrender. He paid no attention.

After a hurried consultation Mr. Dwight agreed to throw open the door and the detectives posted themselves a few feet away and turned their batteries on the enemy.

As the door flew open instead of the burglar he saw a big Angora cat leaping on the breast of a chicken. The chicken had been laid in a platter which the cat had knocked to the floor and the crash had startled the servants that they believed there was a burglar in the pantry.

HEARD BRIDGE HAD FALLEN

The Saxonia's Passengers Wildly Excited Over Rumor.

Every set of binoculars on board the Commander Saxonia's was trained upon the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday as the steamship came up the bay.

"Yes, she's still there," remarked one man.

"Thank the Lord for that!" observed another.

"What do you think of those Greeks and Italians for circulating such a fool rumor?" asked another. The comment developed into a tangle and it all had to do with the Brooklyn Bridge.

Some time between March 15 and 17 a rumor had spread about the Levant that the Brooklyn Bridge had fallen and 1,500 persons had been killed.

C. M. Garland, of Brooklyn, who was a passenger on the Saxonia yesterday, heard the report while on his way from Alexandria to Athens. An officer of the vessel assured him that the Brooklyn Bridge had collapsed, killing two thousand persons. Mr. Garland had a son who goes to Manhattan daily over the bridge and was naturally alarmed over the rumor.

When the customs officials boarded the Saxonia at Quarantine yesterday the passengers asked anxiously for a confirmation of a denial of the story, and when the latter was forthcoming many declared it and watched patiently until the Saxonia came within range of the bridge.



THE PRODUCT OF A "SAFE" FACTORY.

**100,000 CROWD TO SEE
BODIES AT THE PIER**

Police Try to Keep Back Morbidly Curious, While Mourners Seek Their Dead.

RINGS SERVE TO IDENTIFY

Physicians and Nurses Care for Fifty or More, Overcome by Horrors of the Scene—25 Bodies Unrecognizable.

More than one hundred thousand people had passed down the Charities Dock to look over the broken and burned bodies lying in their rude wooden coffins and to try to identify them, the police estimated at 6 o'clock last night. And this estimate did not include the thousands on thousands who were turned away. From the time the first bodies were taken to the temporary morgue early yesterday morning until nearly midnight last night, long lines of people stood patiently on the sidewalks, waiting to get in. One young girl wept bitterly, but behind her was another in a brown motor coat and a flashy hat, who laughed and giggled with a boy in eye-glasses. "Hey, Julius!" called one boy to another, and waved his hand in gleeful fashion.

An old Italian woman came limping out, supported by two other women. Her wrinkled face was fixed in a weird grimace, and the tears ran down her cheeks. She cried aloud, and now and then threw her arms in the air. And a great, boisterous crowd followed her down the avenue, pointing and peering at her, until the police drove them back.

The long lines pushed and shoved up to the corner of 29th street and Avenue A, and the police let them through in batches of thirty or so. They crowded past an undertaker's shop, past a group of hearsemen standing at the entrance to the pier, and there they were held up by white-coated charity dispensers, attendants, doctors, police officers, newspapermen and nurses. Sometimes it took but a quick glance for those in authority to see that the man or woman had no relatives on the pier, and no business there.

"Here, you! Get out of that!" cried a patrolman to a Yiddish girl with a great pool of false hair, as he yanked her out of the line. "You get on back up to the avenue, and don't stop there."

Turn Back the Sightseers.

The girl turned to saucer him, but he gave her a look, and she wilted. Some women tried to take little children, hardly large enough to toddle, down on the pier. The police turned these back quickly, shoved away boys with cigarettes hanging loosely to their lips, and sent a dozen or so recognized pickpockets hustling away. Questions were asked everybody. In the long line, Lieutenant Bolton found out from them at the corner of the avenue if they had business on the pier, and officials at the pier entrance talked to those who got by the first police line. Deputy Police Commissioner Driscoll came down to the pier about 5 o'clock, and began to question the people himself. He lowered the number of people in each batch about half, and in ten minutes after he had established strict rules the word had flashed back along the line, and hundreds of people were turning away to go to their homes.

But the crowd kept coming, and later in the evening the police allowed every one to go down on the pier, but kept them moving while there. This was done.

ZEMSTVO BILL UKASE

Stolyipin's Bold Move Causes Grave Constitutional Crisis.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—An imperial ukase promulgating the Zemstvo bill, under Article 57 of the Fundamental Laws, has been issued with the Emperor's acquiescence. M. Stolyipin's assumption of what are virtually dictatorial functions has struck the politicians with amazement, and has produced what is regarded as a grave constitutional crisis.

The residence of M. Durnovo, the dismissed ex-Minister of the Interior, has become the centre of a political revolt in which it is sought to unite both chambers and nearly all parties against the government.

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WHAT CROKER AND WHITMAN SAY.

BY FIRE CHIEF CROKER. BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN.

There may be at any time a repetition of this disaster with its appalling loss of life in any of the great office buildings employing thousands of persons, mostly girls.

There are no fire escapes on those buildings and no means of egress in case of fire.

It is impossible to fight a fire twenty or thirty stories in the air, and the life nets will not hold a body shooting down 125 feet.

I recommended to Borough President McAneny and a committee of architects fire escapes on all office buildings, but I was told it would spoil the city beautiful.

This may be a matter for investigation by the grand jury into the conduct of the public departments and the public officers responsible for the conditions that led to the terrible loss of life.

The grand jury may be called upon to investigate the conditions in all the great office and loft buildings in the city.

I agree with Chief Croker that this catastrophe may be repeated at any time with the conditions of fire protection that we have in our large buildings.

If the cause of death can be placed immediately to a violation of the law, a charge of manslaughter will lie against whoever is responsible for the violation.

ENGLISH SHOPPING WEEK

Movement to Stimulate Interest in British Manufactures.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 26.—All-British shopping week, which has been organized by the Union Jack Industries' League, in order to stimulate interest in British manufactures, will be formally opened by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House to-morrow morning.

In an enormous number of establishments in London and throughout the cities and towns of England a special display will be made of British goods to show the public what British industry can do.

The movement has received assistance and support from the King and Queen. Their majesties' coronation robes will be made of British fabrics, and Queen Mary has, in addition, given orders that British silks shall be used in many of her coronation dresses.

Considerable interest has been aroused in the experiment, and its success is believed to be assured.

A WIDE OPEN SUNDAY

Corrigan's Charges Backed Up by Facts Seen by Every One.

Eighty avenue, and in fact all the streets west of Broadway, from Long-acre to the circle, ran wide open last night in the matter of excise. It was apparent that the order to take off the door chains had gone forth and had been obeyed. Except in one or two cases free access to the back rooms of saloons could be had by any one with enough money to buy drinks.

In some of the saloons a section of the end of the bar was partly screened from the front, and drinking went on the same as if it were a week day. Thus Magistrate Corrigan's assertions were backed up by facts.

No attempt was made to prevent the noise of cash register bells or blubious customers from reaching the street. In fact, the district seemed to take on the free and easy air of a mining camp.

GALE IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

Mails Disorganized—Telephone and Telegraph Lines Down.

London, March 26.—A furious gale has been blowing for the last forty-eight hours in the English Channel, with snow blizzards. It has completely disorganized the mail services and caused a number of minor casualties.

The steamer Finland, which arrived at Dover Saturday evening, was unable to proceed to Southampton until 10 o'clock this morning. Nearly all the telephone and telegraph lines between London and the Kentish Coast have been blown down.

The Spanish steamship Saturnina, from Formosa, Spain, is on the rocks off Scilly.

**CIGARETTE CAUSED
THE FACTORY FIRE**

Croker Finds Stumps and Package That Explains Immediate Origin of the Holocaust.

TRY TO FIX THE RESPONSIBILITY

Disaster Might Be Repeated To-day in Any One of Thousands of Buildings in City, Says Fire Chief, Urging Need of Reforms.

The death list of the factory fire in Washington Place on Saturday stands at 142. These figures will be revised only if more deaths occur in the hospitals.

A cigarette or a match dropped by a smoker started the fire, in the opinion of Chief Croker.

Chief Croker said that Saturday's disaster might be repeated to-day or any other day in any one of thousands of buildings in the city.

The grand jury will probably investigate the whole situation as to fire danger in office and loft buildings. The opinion is general that the law itself is deficient.

Mayor Gaynor asked the Red Cross to collect funds for the relief of sufferers from the fire, and Jacob H. Schiff will receive subscriptions.

Joseph J. Asch, owner of the building, denied that a third stairway had ever been demanded by the City Department of Buildings. No suggestion that the building was improperly equipped was ever made to him, he said.

A grand jury investigation of the city departments and officials responsible for the conditions that led to the fire in the Triangle Waist Company on Saturday is likely to be begun within the next few days, according to District Attorney Whitman.

Mr. Whitman believes that a similar catastrophe is likely to occur at any time in any one of the other thousands of huge office and loft buildings in the city, and he will recommend that the inquiry by the grand jury be extended to the general conditions of business buildings.

It was reported to the District Attorney's office yesterday that the attention of the Fire Department had been called to the lack of proper fire facilities in the building occupied in part by the Triangle Waist Company two months ago, and that the Bureau of Buildings had subsequently passed the building as safe.

The District Attorney requested the Coroner yesterday to make no arrests in the case until after a more thorough investigation had been made.

Fire Chief Croker, Fire Commissioner Waldo, Borough President McAneny and other public officials and the heads of several fire insurance companies agreed with District Attorney Whitman as to the danger of a repetition of the disaster and the need for a revision of the building code and the changing of the laws governing fire protection and the supervision of buildings in regard to fire fighting facilities. It was the consensus of opinion that the Fire Department should have charge of the fire regulations in all particulars, both as to construction and safeguards.

Way to Roof Blocked.

An exhaustive examination of the burned building yesterday showed that if the openings to the stairways and the fire escape had not been blocked so that the roof could not be reached it was probable that no loss of life would have resulted.

When District Attorney Whitman was informed of this he said that if the cause of death could be placed immediately to the violation of the law a charge of manslaughter would be made against the person responsible for the violation.

The Fire Department records show that an inspection of the building was made on October 15, 1910, by Edward P. O'Connor, foreman of Engine Company 72, in which he reported the building as in the fireproof class and the general condition good.

The bodies of three more women were found in the subcellar of the building yesterday by the firemen, bringing the total of dead to 142. Later in the afternoon the last of the water was pumped out of the subcellar and the search of the firemen for dead ended. The firemen were then withdrawn and the fire patrol was left in charge.

An official of the Fire Department said yesterday that a list of seven thousand buildings in the city which were not adequately safeguarded against fire had been presented by that department to the Bureau of Buildings.

Fire Chief Croker laid the cause of the fire to the dropping of a lighted cigarette or match by a cigarette smoker.

Whitman Directs Probing Work.

District Attorney Whitman, who was at the scene of the fire until late Saturday night, placed District Attorney Boswick, Manly and Rubin in charge of the investigation for his office yesterday. Mr. Boswick was the direct representative of Mr. Whitman, while Mr. Rubin was on the ground for the homicide bureau of the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Whitman went to the scene early yesterday morning and directed how the work was to be done. Late in the afternoon Mr. Boswick made a report to him at the Bar Association, and in the evening, after a long conference with his assistants, Mr. Whitman said that the grand jury would be asked to make an investigation of the fire immediately after the coroner's inquest.

"I have asked the coroner not to order any arrests until after a thorough investigation has been made," he said. "In the mean time my assistants are making a complete examination into all the details of the catastrophe. They have been engaged to-day in going over the building and hearing the stories of various witnesses."

"None witnesses will be heard to-morrow and in the next few days at the Criminal Courts Building, and the plans of the building and the records of the Fire Department and the Bureau of Buildings will be examined to determine if any violation of the law has been repeated."

Long List of Unsafe Buildings.

"If the regulation of these matters was in the hands of the Fire Department I do not think such conditions would be possible. I understand that the Fire Department has recently presented to the Bureau of Buildings a list of several thousand office and loft buildings in the city which are unsafe from a fire fighter's point of view. I think that a law should be passed requiring all building plans to be passed upon by the Fire Department, in so far as safeguards from fire and proper means of egress are concerned, at any rate. The Fire Department is the proper branch of the city government to have control in such matters."

Chief Croker spent a large part of yesterday morning going over the scene of the fire and making a thorough examination to determine the cause. He was accompanied for a large part of the time by Fire Commissioner Waldo, Borough President McAneny, Acting Superintendent Ludwig of the Bureau of Buildings and officials from the District Attorney's office and District Attorney Whitman. Robert Adams, secretary to the Mayor, was present during a part of the tour as a representative of Mayor Gaynor.

After his inspection Chief Croker said that he thought the fire had been caused by a lighted cigarette or match dropped by one of the employees.

Yesterday afternoon an empty cigarette box was found on the ninth floor.

"The fire started," said Croker, "on the

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